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California's Natural Wildlands Legacy

Sacramento Valley

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The Sacramento Valley encompasses the northern end of the great Central Valley of California, stretching from Redding to the southeast corner of Sacramento County. The Sierra Nevada Mountains rise in the east, and the California coastal range flanks the valley on the west. A rich agricultural resource, oak woodlands, riparian forests, vernal pools, freshwater marshes and grasslands provide a rich mosaic of vegetation. The Valley is a dominant wintering site for migrating waterfowl, inviting more than 1.5 million ducks and 750,000 geese from the Pacific Flyway.

BLM has worked for many years to acquire and consolidate public land ownership along the Sacramento River, Clear Creek, and other areas critical to the natural resources conservation in the valley.

The Sacramento River and its main tributaries are the primary focus for conservation and restoration efforts of numerous groups, including the BLM. The Bureau's Sacramento River Bend Area of Critical Environmental Concern covers 40,000 acres and 26 miles of river frontage at the northern end of the 222 mile-long Sacramento River Conservation Area. These lands provide excellent public access to the river's edge, where people can watch wildlife and hike miles of trails through rolling, valley oak woodlands.

With thousands of visitors per year taking advantage of the rich recreational opportunities in the Valley, BLM and its partners are working diligently to balance the needs of the ecosystem with the demands of growing populations.

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The Sacramento River

Public lands managed by BLM in the Sacramento River Bend Area of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC) in Shasta and Tehama counties, provide public access to river corridor lands that remain in pristine condition. BLM has created 100 acres of wetlands, and maintains 600 acres of nesting habitat for shorebirds and waterfowl. Public lands provide habitat for a diversity of wildlife including the bald eagle, fairy shrimp, and river otter. The river, along with tributaries, Paynes Creek and Battle Creek, support four runs of salmon, which include two federally listed endangered species -- winter run chinook salmon and spring run chinook salmon.

Restoring Fisheries

BLM is working with nearly a dozen partners to restore salmon and steelhead fisheries at Lower Clear Creek, an historically important spawning area for these fish. Partners on the Lower Clear Creek Channel Restoration Team are removing fish barriers, adding spawning gravel, controlling erosion and undertaking other work to reverse years of negative impacts that began with gold mining in the mid-1800s. The CalFed/Bay-Delta program recognized the value of the work by awarding a grant to the Western Shasta Resource Conservation District, which leads the restoration team. BLM provides federal funding and land acquisitions to the effort.

Partners in Recreation

The word is spreading about new public ownership and access of this pristine river corridor just minutes from Interstate 5, one of California's main transportation arteries. Opportunities for fishing, boating, camping, hunting, and sightseeing have increased. Through partnerships and cooperative agreements with local government, universities, federal and state agencies, and nonprofit foundations, work is underway to conserve habitat, develop environmental education programs, provide new boat launch areas, and develop new trails and picnic areas.

"Those who contemplate the beauty of the earth find reserves of strength that will endure as long as life lasts."

Rachel Carson

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The Sacramento River, popular with recreationists, is California's longest river.

A tiger lily blooms in the riparian forest along the Sacramento River.

Oak woodlands provide important wildlife habitat and areas for public recreation.

Goals for the Sacramento Valley

Protect and enhance the riparian habitat and fish spawning and rearing habitat of the Sacramento River and its tributaries. Consolidate lands along the river corridor for public ownership and conservation. Foster a spirit of cooperation, communication and education among all stakeholders

Partnerships

Western Shasta Resource Conservation District

California Department of Fish and Game

California Department of Boating and Waterways

U. S. Bureau of Reclamation

Natural Resources Conservation Service

National Park Service

Western Power Administration

Northern California Power Administration

California State University, Chico

Tehama County

Wildlife Conservation Board

Bend School District

Packard Foundation

The Nature Conservancy

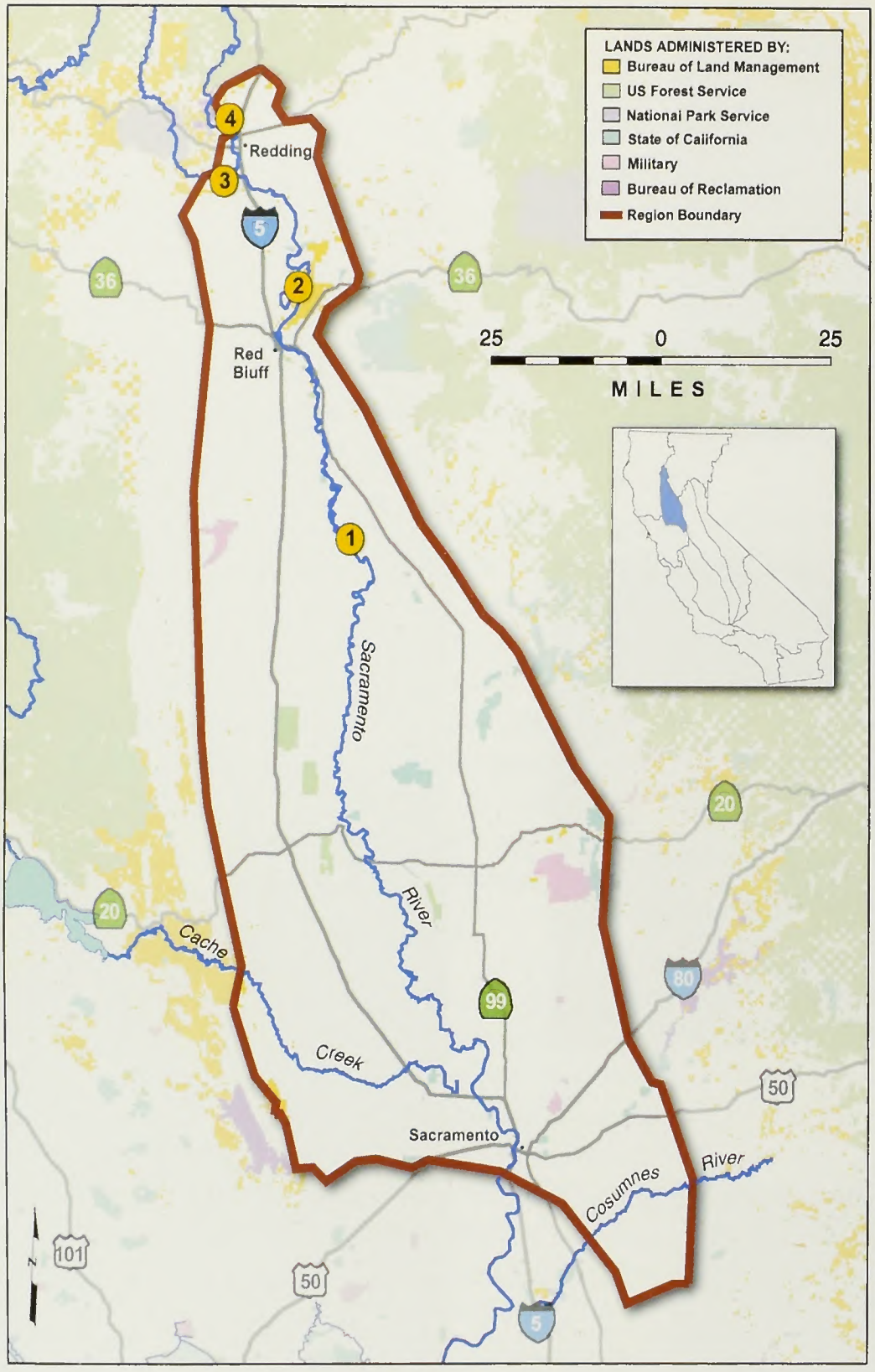
Trust for Public Lands

Sacramento River Conservation Area

American Land Conservancy

Key Assets of the Sacramento Valley

- Sacramento River
- Paynes Creek
- Clear Creek
- Interlakes Recreation Area



1. Sacramento River
2. Paynes Creek
3. Clear Creek
4. Interlakes Recreation Area

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